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DECLARATION AND PRINCIPLES OF THE
FATHERLAND UNIFICATION DEMOCRATIC FRONT

I. DECLARATION

Nearly 4 years have elapsed since our fatherland was liberated from Japanese imperialism, but our country still remains divided at the 38th Parallel. Furthermore, the South and the North have been moving steadily in the opposite directions. While the northern half of the fatherland continues to make democratic progress, the southern half remains under the leadership of reactionaries who are interested only in their personal political power. South Korea, both politically and economically, is slowly but surely becoming an American puppet.

Who is interfering with our unification? For whose benefit is the division of our country maintained? There are two kinds of people who are blocking Korean unification: the American imperialists and the pro-Japanese reactionaries who are determined to perpetuate their political power by acting as tools of the Americans. The Americans, on the pretense that Koreans are ignorant and that they are incapable of governing themselves, have been working during the last 4 years through Korean reactionaries to perpetuate their military influence in the Far East and to add Korean resources to their economic basket. American foreign policy in Korea the last 4 years has been one of imperialistic exploitation. For example, at the Moscow Conference in 1945 the American delegates proposed that Korea be administered jointly by the top US, Chinese, British, and Soviet military leaders. The American representatives did not propose the establishment of a Korean government. In fact, the American representatives proposed a 10-year trusteeship of Korea. The purpose behind such a proposal was to place Korea under foreign domination for a long time. Fortunately, the American proposal was rejected, and a proposal advanced by the Soviet Union to establish a democratic government in Korea that would be capable enough to root out every trace of Japanese imperialism from Korea was adopted.

The Soviet Union's resolution was in conformity with the interest of every Korean, but it was neither suitable to the American imperialists nor to the Korean traitors who show no willingness to share national affairs with the rank and file.

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That is why the American imperialists and the Korean traitors worked together to destroy the working mechanism of the Soviet-US Joint Commission. On the other hand, the Soviet Union, desiring to see the establishment of a democratic government in Korea, insisted on the withdrawal of both occupation forces in order to give Koreans a free hand in establishing their unified democratic government. The Koreans gave their wholehearted support to the Soviet proposal, but the American authorities rejected the proposition of simultaneous withdrawal of both occupation armies because such a troop withdrawal would not serve the purpose of the American imperialists as well as the reactionary Korean traitors. It is for this reason that the US government insisted on presenting the Korean issue to the UN.

The UN General Assembly has created, under the compulsion of the US, the so-called Temporary UN Commission on Korea, ignoring the protests of the Soviet Union and other democratic nations. This commission, a tool of American aggression, came to Korea, but it failed in its mission because it was against the interest of the Koreans. Finally, the US government had the illegal, so-called UN Little Assembly, which was boycotted by all democratic nations, authorize a general election in South Korea. The so-called general election in South Korea was unwanted by the majority of Koreans. Thus, the American military authorities and the Korean traitors have imposed the so-called general election by subterfuge, and elected the National Assembly headed by the notorious murderer, Syngman Rhee. This is how the puppet regime in the South came into being.

The National Assembly bears no resemblance to a legislative body because it has not even one farmer or labor representative despite the fact that these two groups constitute the majority of the population in South Korea. In other words, the National Assembly is composed of landlords, capitalists, pro-Japanese, traitors, and reactionaries. It exists only for one purpose -- to hide the sins and crimes of the traitor Syngman Rhee and his gang. Rhee-gang members in the National Assembly keep throwing people into jail for demanding the complete withdrawal of the US Army or for protesting any Rhee-gang proposal in the Assembly. In the meantime, the US government has presented the Korean issue again before the UN General Assembly as a means of hiding its true intention of aggression, and the UN, while refusing to hear the true voice of Korea, has decided to send a new UN Commissioner to Korea under the pressure of the American representatives.

The US is afraid that some day true Korean representatives may tell the world the true American aggressive policy in Korea from the rostrum of the UN General Assembly. Now, what did the American imperialists and the Korean reactionary traitors do to South Korea? In 4 years, they have converted South Korea into a madhouse where reactionary, antidemocratic elements are freely practicing terrorism, oppression, and flattery. There is no freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of assembly, freedom of organization, or freedom of demonstration in South Korea. All democratic political and social organizations are driven underground and their printing machines are destroyed. Those who dare to express their long-cherished ambition of becoming independent people are shot or subjected to inhuman tortures without due process of law. The Americans who arrived in Korea 3 weeks after the Japanese surrender did not kill even one Japanese in Korea, but they have jailed or shot tens of thousands of Koreans who cried for democratic reforms in Korea.

As the result of the economic policy pursued by the American authorities and the Korean traitors, the South Korea economy including the industrial production, has reached the point of complete ruin. American capitalists have converted South Korea into an American market under the attractive name of "economic aid" in order to dump American surplus goods. The result is that today a large crowd of unemployed and beggars are roaming around every city and town in South Korea, not to mention the degenerating conditions in farm villages. In spite of the fact that South Korea is known as the Korean breadbasket, many are starving to death in the South today. The traitors who huddled around the Rhee puppet regime keep themselves busy signing agreements and treaties with their American imperialist masters, thus gradually binding the South Korean economy to the American capitalists. That is why the economic policy pursued by the traitors is rousing very bitter public sentiment.

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What makes our blood boil is the fact that when the Korean Supreme People's Assembly requested the governments of the Soviet Union and the US to withdraw their respective troops from Korea, the Soviet Union complied promptly and completely without delay (more than one-half year ago), but the American troops are still remaining in South Korea. There is no excuse whatsoever for the American troops to remain in South Korea. We must fight and force the withdrawal of the US Army from our fatherland, so that we may become, at last, an independent unified nation under righteous democratic principles. Toward this goal, the Soviet Union is lending us her unlimited aid.

The Soviet Union, step by step, and with faithful consistency, has taken measures for the good of Korea. For example, at the Moscow Foreign conference in 1945, the Soviet delegates rejected the American proposal because it was not designed in the interest of Korea. During the series of deliberations in the Soviet-US Joint Commission, the Soviet representatives were insistent in carrying out the terms of Moscow agreement. Upon becoming convinced of the impossibility of reaching any workable agreement, the Soviet Union finally proposed the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea. She then voluntarily withdrew her troops immediately. The Soviet Union has been insisting on the unification and independence of Korea, and she will continue to do so.

The American imperialists and the Korean traitors, for their selfish reasons, conspired to perpetuate the division of Korea, but after 4 years they are beginning to find out the country will have to be unified. Those who desire the democratic unification of Korea must not lose sight of a unified prosperous economy. In other words, the South Korea economy must be developed along the line of the North Korea economic structure. All we in the North, are interested in a unified, democratic, independent Korea, but the reactionary traitors who exist under the wings of the American imperialists are not interested in the peaceful unification of the fatherland. That is why the Rhee gang is making military preparations, asking its American masters for more arms for the purpose of murdering more patriotic Koreans. In the meantime, the American imperialists are promoting conflicts among the Koreans as a means to suppress and delay the development of democracy in Korea. Think, what American "aid" does in China and Greece. It accomplishes nothing but more troubles for the people to suffer more. The Americans are doing the same thing in Korea.

Proof of this is well illustrated by the fact that the so-called South Korean National Army is making daily appearances at the 38th Parallel. No one but the American imperialists and the Rhee gang suppressed the people's righteous guerrilla activities in Gaeju-do, Challa Namdo, and at the western end of the 38th Parallel. We do not desire to fight among ourselves nor with the reactionary traitors and their American masters. We must unite ourselves by peaceful means. No one can divide the Korean people. We were one people before and we shall be one people again. The situation in which we find ourselves is very serious. Therefore, we appeal to everyone in South Korea to join us in the fight to unite our fatherland.

The Fatherland Unification Democratic Front seeks to bring about peaceful unification of our country. We, therefore, appeal to all political and social organizations to join us in our endeavor to bring about peaceful unification of our fatherland. For the same purpose, we propose the following to attain our objectives:

1. Peaceful unification of our fatherland must be accomplished by Koreans themselves.
2. We demand immediate withdrawal from Korea of the illegal so-called, UN Commission on Korea.

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3. We demand immediate withdrawal of American troops from Korea so that we may be able to speed the peaceful unification of the fatherland.
4. We propose a general election both in the South and North for the purpose of realizing peaceful unification of our fatherland.
5. The proposed general election for peaceful unification should be held under the supervision of a committee composed of representatives from various democratic political and social organizations.
6. We propose that for the purpose of peaceful unification a North-South joint conference be held which in turn will appoint an election committee.
7. The legislative election should be held in September 1949, by a general secret ballot. All those who collaborated with the Japanese prior to Korean liberation shall be deprived of voting privileges.
8. It is proposed that the following conditions shall be observed in order to protect everyone's voting rights:
 - a. Assume that all active members of democratic political and social organizations shall not be persecuted.
 - b. Legalize all democratic political and social organizations, and guarantee their freedom of action.
 - c. Cancel the suspension orders directed against the publications of the democratic political and social organizations; furthermore, guarantee their freedom of press.
 - d. Release all political prisoners immediately.
9. The election committee shall be vested with the following powers:
 - a. Issuance of necessary election orders regarding the existing governments in both zones.
 - b. Right to make decisions and the right to inspect election activities.
 - c. Supervision of the withdrawal of foreign troops.
10. The election committee shall take over all police and security forces of both the North and the South, dismiss all former policemen who served under the Japanese, and dissolve all police and security units which participated in the persecution of the Cheju-do people's movement and guerrilla activities in South Korea.
11. The elected supreme legislative body shall adopt a new constitution. Based upon the constitution, a new government which will inherit all administrative functions from the existing governments both in the North and the South shall be formed. Furthermore, the election committee shall dissolve the previously existing separate government in both zones.
12. All existing armies in the North and South shall be merged into the democratic army, but the National Defense Army of South Korea which participated in the persecution of people's resistance elements in Cheju-do and in the Chiri-san area shall be dissolved. Furthermore, its members shall be barred permanently from any future military service, and those who are responsible for organizing the persecution of the people's movement shall be properly punished.

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This is the peace program the people's democratic political and social organizations offer to the people of Korea, and we are convinced that the people will give their utmost to the above proposed peace program. Anyone who chooses to resist such a peaceful unification program cannot hope to avoid the punishment he so deserves. It is the duty of all Koreans to destroy anyone who stands in the way of Korean democratic unification. Long live, unified democratic independent Korea!

II. PRINCIPLES

Our ultimate objective is to erase completely from Korea the Korean traitors, reactionaries, and the puppet government in South Korea which came into being at the insistence of the American imperialists. We must destroy the South Korean government because the longer our fatherland remains divided the more detrimental it is for our people. That is why it is imperative that we hold a fatherland unification democratic election in order to bring about a democratic unified country in which democratic economy and culture may continue to grow. In our fight to realize the above-stated objective, we must perform the following tasks:

1. Continue to fight for the withdrawal from South Korea of the American troops and the so-called UN Commission.
2. Fight the traitors who stand in the way of our fatherland unification and keep on mobilizing people's strength for speedy unification.
3. Endeavor to expand and to perpetuate throughout Korea democratic reforms which have proven to be very successful in the northern half of Korea.
4. Support in every possible way the government of the Korean Democratic People's Republic which was established as the result of the 25 August 1948 general election.
5. Carry out all forms of democratic reform throughout the land and guarantee personal equality, freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of assembly, freedom of demonstration and organization, freedom of religion, etc.
6. Fight to revive and legalize the People's Committee in South Korea which has been suppressed by the American imperialists and the traitorous Korean reactionaries.
7. Confiscate all properties in South Korea belonging to reactionaries as well as the vested properties. Confiscate and redistribute all farm lands in South Korea without compensation.
8. Confiscate and nationalize all industries in South Korea.
9. Fight to release all political prisoners who were thrown into the jail for carrying out the people's democratic movement.
10. Make every effort to strengthen our friendly relations with the Soviet Union, the people's democracy in China, and all other democratic, peace-loving nations of the world.
11. Fight the move to re-establish the government of imperial Japan.
12. Continue to fight all forms of capitalistic aggression, and work in close cooperation with all democratic nations of the world for world peace.
13. Develop the people's culture and economy, eradicate their illiteracy, and spread common knowledge among the people. Finally, we shall continue to fight all forms of Japanese imperialism and reactionary thinking.

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